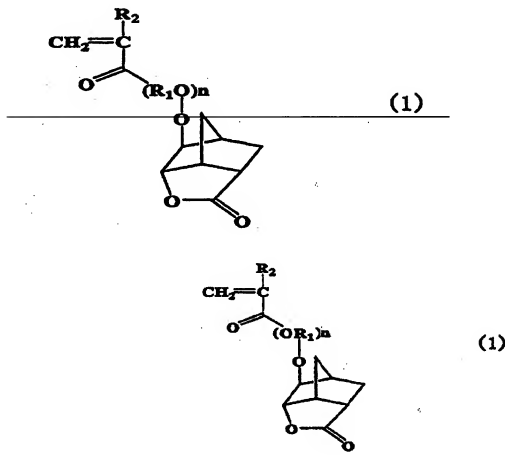


**Amendments to the Claims:**

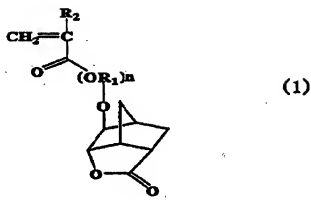
The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A norbornane lactone (meth)acrylate represented by the following general formula (1):



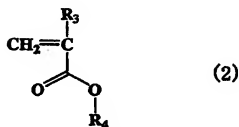
where ~~(wherein~~ R<sub>1</sub> denotes an alkylene group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms, n denotes an integer of 1 to 3, and R<sub>2</sub> denotes a hydrogen atom or methyl-group.) group.

2. (Currently Amended) A ~~(co)polymer~~ copolymer obtained by polymerizing a monomer mixture containing norbornane lactone (meth)acrylate represented by the following general formula (1):



where  $R_1$  denotes an alkylene group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms,  $n$  denotes an integer of 1 to 3, and  $R_2$  denotes a hydrogen atom or methyl group.

3. (Currently Amended) The copolymer according to claim 2 which is obtained by polymerizing a monomer mixture containing at least one of compounds compound represented by the general formula (1) and at least one of compounds expressed by the following general formula (2):



where (wherein  $R_3$  denotes a hydrogen atom or methyl group,  $R_4$  denotes a substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbon group having 3 to 19 carbon atoms) atoms, and whose weight-average molecular weight ( $M_w$ ) is 2000 to 200000.

4. (Currently Amended) A photoresist material comprising the copolymer according to claim 2. The (eo)polymer according to claim 2, which is used as photoresist material.

5. (Currently Amended) A photoresist material comprising the copolymer according to claim 3. The (eo)polymer according to claim 3, which is used as photoresist material.